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STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

MAR 18-28 SYDNEY, CANBERRA, PORT MORESBY
MARCH 28-APRIL 1 MANILA
APRIL 1 "FOR FEW DAYS/ OKINAWA, FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO SAIPAN

4. COMMENT: POLOFF, WHO HAD SEVERAL INFORMAL VISITS WITH COMMISSION MEMBERS DURING COURSE OF TRAVEL IN PAGO PAGO, APIA AND SUVA, AS WELL AS AFTER ARRIVAL IN WELLINGTON, FOUND THEM GENERALLY INTELLIGENT AND PERSONABLE YOUNG MEN, MOST WITH SOME EXPERIENCE OF TRAVEL OR EDUCATION IN US, AND WITH APPARENTLY EARNEST INTEREST IN FUTURE OF MICRONESIA. THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WANTED TO EXAMINE WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES FOR THEIR VAST AREA. HEINE TOLD POLOFF HE HAD TAPED MOST INTERVIEWS SO THAT COMMISSION WOULD HAVE FULL RECALL IN PREPARING REPORT. WHILE NOT SOLICITING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE EXCEPT ON OBTAINING VISAS FOR AUSTRALIA, THEY WELCOMED AMERICAN CONTACT AND APPRECIATED OFFICIAL US FACILITATION.

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